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DEPARTMENT PASF OPIC FOR HENDERSON FROM BANKS

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: BEXP, CM

SUBJECT: VISIT OF OPIC OFFICER

1. HAVE COMPLETED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL TWO-WEEK MISSION TO CAMEROON ACHIEVING ALL PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES. HAVE ESTABLISHED GOOD CONTACTS AT WORKING LEVEL WITH GURC OFFICIALS

AND PRIVATE SECTOR GROUPS CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT. STAGE SET FOR OPIC TO COMMENCE ACTIVE PROMOTION OF CAMEROON AND TO MORE EFFECTIVELY ASSIST IN DEVELOPING PROJECTS ALREADY UNDER DISCUSSION (I.E. DEL MONTE, CASTLE AND COOKE, ETC.)

2. TRIP TO WEST WAS EXTREMELY USEFUL IN GETTING AN

APPRECIATION FOR RURAL CAMEROON, REGIONAL DIFFERENCES AND LARGE AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL. HIGHLIGHT OF WESTERN TRIP WAS LUNCH AND LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR WHO FURTHER EMPHASIZED COUNTRY S STRONG DESIRE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR U.S. PRIVATE INVESTMENT AND IMPORTANCE OF MAIZE PROJECT AT FOUMBAN IN THIS CONTEXT.

3. RE MAIZE PROJECT: PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH A AND B AND SNI STATING AGAIN OPIC S STRONG DESIRE SUCCESS PILOT PROJECT. SHOJI SEEMED DISAPPOINTED THAT BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS STILL INCOMPLETE (E.G. SNI

CAPITAL SUPPLEMENT AND LAND QUESTIONS). POINTED OUT POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THESE QUESTIONS AS HENDERSON AND I DISCUSSED HERE, NOTING THAT SUCH MATTERS SUSCEPTIBLE TO FURTHER NEGOTIATION. RECOMMEND HENDERSON DISCUSS WITH STEWART OF A AND B.

- 4. RE ACCRA PLAINS: HAPPY TO HEAR PROJECT FINALLY IN ADB PIPELINE. WILL FOLLOW UP OTHER POINTS IN YOUR MESSAGE WHILE IN ACCRA AND WILL REPORT ACCORDINGLY.
- 5. FINALLY WISH TO HAVE NOTED THE OUTSTANDING COOPERATION AND SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY AND CONSULATE STAFFS DURING MY STAY IN CAMEROON. HALL

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